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**CALFED BAY DELTA PROGRAM  
WATER QUALITY PROGRAM  
SALINITY/SELENIUM WORK GROUP MEETING  
SOUTH DELTA PACKAGE**

July 28, 1999  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION**  
Resources Building  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1118-30  
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To: Salinity/Selenium Work Group

From: Judy Heath - Water Quality Program

We are embarking on the early implementation projects for the South Delta as part of the initial steps towards achieving Stage 1 goals and objectives. A Salinity/Selenium Work Group has been formed to guide CALFED on the Water Quality Program early implementation actions for the South Delta which involves agricultural drainage management in the San Joaquin Basin. This is a follow up to the Water Quality Technical Group's report to the CALFED Water Quality Program.

CALFED is interested in identifying the types of actions which will reduce pollutant loads and contaminants from non-point and point sources in the San Joaquin River Basin and will reduce the impacts on public and environmental health through water quality and water management actions. The group is asked to:

- Help identify existing projects and studies which relate to the CALFED action to ensure proper coordination.
- Help identify the approaches and projects necessary to achieve reduction in pollutant loads which are feasible and cost effective.
- Help identify lead implementing agencies, which can include State, federal, local government and other cooperating agencies.
- Identify projects within the cost range for initiating projects - about \$0.5 million per year for FY 2000 and FY 2001.

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**CALFED Agencies**

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**California** The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Department of Food and Agriculture

**Federal** Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. Forest Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Western Area Power Administration

- Identify necessary monitoring associated with projects which is intended to indicate relative impacts or benefits of project implementation.
- Discuss any necessary environmental documentation which may be associated with proposed projects.

The types of potential projects include regional, environmentally safe drainage management measures and technical programs such as evaporation ponds, drainage treatment and re-use facilities, measures to lower shallow groundwater levels, and other measures. CALFED is interested in continuing to implement or support successful existing programs and measures which reduce pollutant loads and contaminants in the San Joaquin River Basin.

Stein Buer will be available to present the CALFED Bay-Delta Program South Delta bundling package and the funding which will be available in the near term. Manucher Alemi will summarize existing work and help coordinate the meeting along with myself.

We look forward to these discussions. If there are any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-2994 or e-mail me at [jheath@water.ca.gov](mailto:jheath@water.ca.gov).